

December 12, 2021 | Our Coming King (Part 3) | Ryan Robinson

WARM UP QUESTION: Describe a time when you felt fully at peace.

READ: Luke 2:8-20

FOCUS: Advent means peace has come.

OBSERVE:

Our Need for Peace

- Our world needs peace, but we primarily and ultimately need peace with God.
- The shepherds in Luke 2:9 responded in fear due to the realization of God's greatness and human weakness. Because we have all sinned, we are in a position as enemies of God, the opposite of peace.

The Source of Peace

- In verses 10-11, the angels exclaim that the people can experience peace by the good news of a baby born in Bethlehem. This baby is Jesus Christ! He is the ultimate source of peace.
- No matter the circumstances you are facing in life, you can have peace because peace is found in the presence and person of God. Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us, is our peace.

The Life of Peace

- The life of peace in our relationship with God: We make peace with God by repenting of our sin and are redeemed by His grace and love. Respond with prayer, worship and thanksgiving at all times, especially when you are anxious.
- The life of peace within ourselves: Perfect peace is given when our mind is fixed on Jesus (Isaiah 26: 3).
- The life of peace with others: You can live out the relationship you have with Jesus by being a peacemaker wherever you are. Live on mission, just as the shepherds became heralds of the good news of God's peace (v. 17-18) (Romans 10: 4-15).

REFLECT:

- Do you look to Jesus as your source of peace in your daily life?
- What do you do when you are anxious?
- What is one practical way you can be an even greater peacemaker this Advent season by being on mission?

TAKE ACTION:

- Read the Advent prayer guide.
- This Advent season, share the peace you experience in Christ with a friend, family member, coworker or classmate.

PRAY:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for this season of Advent. We choose to praise You and fix our mind on You as our source of peace. Thank You for sacrificing Your Son so that we can live in peace. Empower us by Your Spirit to be people filled with Your peace and agents of Your peace to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.